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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND
CLOSING MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS ON MARCH 2-4
COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF SECTION V (OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITIES) WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE INTEGRATION
OF UN FIELD ACTIVITIES UNDER A SINGLE TEAM LEADER, UNDP
COUNTRY PROGRAMMING SYSTEM AS THE BASIC TERMS OF REFER-
ENCE FOR OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMING, UNIFICATION OF SOME
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICING, AND INCREASED COORDINATION AT
THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL. CHAIRMAN DADZIE WAS ASKED TO REDRAFT
THE SECTIONS COVERED DURING THIS SESSION (SECTIONS VI, VII,
AND VIII). THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IS TENTATIVELY
SCHEDEDULED FOR MAY 2-20, 1977, IN NEW YORK. PLENARY SESSION
FORMALLY APPROVED THE ABOVE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE'S CONTACT GROUP
CONTINUED ITS CONSIDERATION OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
(SECTION V) AT ITS MEETINGS ON MARCH 2-4. BEGINNING
WITH THE OBJECTIVES IN PARAGRAPH 1, THE MAIN ISSUE CONCERNED
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THE USE OF THE WORD "ENSURE" IN THE CHAPEAU. DELEGATES OF THE US
UK, AND USSR SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTING "ENCOURAGE" OR PROMOTE".
THE ARGUED THAT INCREASED RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT COULD
NOT BE "ENSURED" BY RESTRUCTURING AND THAT USE OF THE WORD
"ENSURE" HAD UNACCEPTABLE MANDATORY IMPLICATIONS. THE G-77
SPOKESMAN (PAKISTAN) INSISTED ON "ENSURE" AND ARGUED THAT
SOME REFERENCE BE MADE TO REAL INCREASES IN RESOURCE FLOWS.

THE US DEL (KITCHEN) MADE IT CLEAR WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE APPARENT G-77 INTENTION THAT IMPROVED EFFICIENCY COULD BE AGREED UPON ONLY WITH A COMMITMENT FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS. THE CHAIRMAN INDICATED HE WOULD FIND LANGUAGE TO SATISFY BOTH SIDES.

3. THE G-77 SPOKESMAN INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO PLACE PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON THE OBJECTIVE OF ENSURING THE FULL-REFLECTION OF GA AND ECOSOC PRIORITIES IN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE US DEL (KITCHEN) INDICATED WE UNDERSTAND THIS TO MEAN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSISTENCY BETWEEN GA AND ECOSOC STRATEGIES AND OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS BUT THAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT HAVING THE GA AND ECOSOC TAKE OVER THE AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS. THE CHAIRMAN INDICATED HE COULD FIND SATISFACTORY LANGUAGE FOR THIS ISSUE.

4. DISCUSSION THEN MOVED TO CONSIDERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, FOLLOWING THE APPROACH AGREED UPON AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING (REFTEL). AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD DRAW ON THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 5C OF SECTION V AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SECTION VII TO CALL FOR CLOSER INTEGRATION UNDER A SINGLE TEAM LEADER AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL AND THE USE OF THE UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING SYSTEM AS THE BASIC TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ALL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMING AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL. THE G-77 INSISTED THAT THE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING BE DONE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATIONAL PLANS RATHER THAN BE IMPOSED UPON THEM. THE USSR AND G-77 WOULD NOT ACCEPT US AND EC-9 EFFORTS TO HAVE THE UNDP RESIDENT REP- UNCLASSIFIED

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RESENTATIVE IDENTIFIED AS THE NORMAL TEAM LEADER.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AT THE SECRETARIAT LEVEL RESULTED IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON UNIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED BY THE G-77, SUCH AS PAYROLLING, ACCOUNTNING, PERSONNEL, COMPUTERS, AND FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AT THE TOP EXECUTIVE LEVEL GOT MERGED WITH CONSIDERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. THE AGREEMENT THAT APPEARED TO EMERGE SIMPLY CALLED FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION AMONG THE EXISTING EXECUTIVE HEADS, NO CHANGE IN THE EXISTING NETWORK OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOVERNING BODIES BUT A MORE SERIOUS REVIEW OF OVER-ALL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY ECOSOC WHICH APPEARED TO BE IN LINE WITH THE US PAPER. THE DELEGATES OF THE US, USSR, AND CANADA CALLED FOR EXEMPTING UNEP, UNICEF, AND WFP FROM CONSOLIDATION. THE G-77 CALLED FOR AN ECOSOC STUDY OF ESTABLISHING A SINGLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOVERNING BODY FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

7. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, THE GROUP DECIDED TO FOREGO THE INVITATION TO MEET IN OSLO AND TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION IN NEW YORK, MAY 2-20, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT CPC WOULD BE DELAYED TWO WEEKS (CPC DOCUMENTS WILL BE LATE). FINALLY, THE GROUP AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN DADZIE SHOULD REDRAFT THE SECTIONS DISCUSSED DURING THIS SESSION (SECTIONS V, VII, AND VIII).

8. FOLLOWING THIS SESSION OF THE CONTACT GROUP, THE RE-STRUCTURING COMMITTEE MET IMMEDIATELY IN PLENARY SESSION TO FORMALLY APPROVE THE ABOVE AND TO AGREE ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SESSION (SAME AS FOR THIS SESSION). REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OAU AND THE ARAB LEAGUE MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL WHICH, CHAIRMAN DADZIE ASSURED THEM, WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORDS. THE SOVIET BLOC MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY CON-

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SIDERED THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION TO BE THE LAST.
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